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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FISCAL CLARIFICATION - FULLBRIGHT PROGRAM

1. AMERICAN-YUGOSLAV EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION AGREED AT OCTOBER 26 MEETING TO MAINTAIN OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE AT 17 DINARS TO DOLLAR. THIS OFFICIAL RATE USED IN ALL PROGRAM PLANNING AND FOR LAST YUGOSLAV FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION. ACTION TAKEN DUE FLUCTUATION OF DINAR, PRESENTLY 15.12, WHICH PROHIBITS CONSTANT STIPEND TO GRANTEE. ADDITIONALLY, INFLATION RATE IN YUGOSLAVIA HAS RISEN CONSIDERABLY SINCE LAST YEAR AND IT BELIEVED THAT AMERICAN GRANTEES SHOULD NOT SUFFER DUE THIS SITUATION.

2. DEPARTMENT SHOULD KNOW THAT QUARTERLY DOLLAR PAYMENTS MADE TO EMBASSY FOR DEPOSIT IN EQUIVALENT DINARS SUBJECT TO FLUCTUATING EXCHANGE. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OFFICIAL RATE AND REAL RATE EXCHANGE MUST BE ABSORBED BY AYEC. THIS COULD DIMINISH PROGRAMMING. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND OTHER COMMISSIONS HAVE ADOPTED SIMILAR PROCEDURES.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAS ALSO SUGGESTED FIXED RATE "IN OTHER COMMISSION DISBURSEMENTS", WHICH WOULD INCREASE SALARIES OF ENTIRE COMMISSION STAFF. THIS IS TO BE FURTHER DISCUSSED AT NEXT BNC MEETING. APPROVAL THIS APPROACH FOR AYEC EMPLOYEES COULD RAISE PROBLEMS AS EMBASSY'S LOCAL EMPLOYEES RECEIVE NO SUCH PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT.

4. APPRECIATE GUIDANCE RE LEGALITY AND PRECEDENT ABOVE POINTS.

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5. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTS ADVICE FROM BFS AS TO WHETHER
COMMISSION CAN OFFER LUMP SUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT TO SALZBURG
SEMINAR IN AMERICAN STUDIES FOR SUPPORT YUGOSLAV GRANTEES.
EMBASSY BELIEVES SUCH SUPPORT JUSTIFIED RE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES.
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